

Remarks

Election of Single Disclosed Species

A restriction requirement has been imposed upon the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has noted in the application three species (Species I through V, corresponding respectively to: Figs. 1-7 and 14; 8 and 14; 9-11 and 14; 12-14; and 15). Accordingly, the Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in the event that no generic claim is finally held allowable.

In response, the Applicant hereby elects Species "I" as shown in Figs. 1-7 and 14. The Applicant contends that at least claims 1, 3, 5-8, 13-21 and 23-25 read on the elected species, and that those claims are hereby elected for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Claims 2, 4, 9-12 and 22 are hereby withdrawn, without prejudice.

This election is being made without traverse.

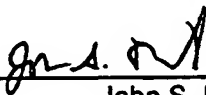
The Applicant believes that the election of a single species as set forth herein above constitutes a full and complete response to the Office action.

Respectfully submitted,

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